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LOK SABHA

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ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the environmental impact of the nuclear power projects, proposed to be set up has been assessed and any plan formulated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the environmental clearance has been obtained for these power projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) :

(a)&(b) A nuclear power project proposed to be set up has to undergo a detailed assessment of the impact of the installation and operation of the plant on the environment by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF). The construction of the proposed nuclear power plant is started after the grant of environmental clearance of the project by the MoEF.

(c)&(d) Environmental clearance has been accorded for the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project, Units 3&4 and Jaitapur Nuclear Power Project, Units 1&2, which are planned for start in the XII Five Year Plan. In respect of other projects planned for start in the XII Five Year Plan, the process of obtaining environmental clearance is at various stages.